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E. O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PORG, EAIR, ICAO, FR
SUBJ: ICAO: SPECIAL LEGAL SUBCOMMITTEE ON LEASE, CHARTER AND
INTERCHANGE FRANCE/UK PROPOSAL

REF: A) MONTREAL 503, B) MONTREAL 502

1. SUMMARY: THAT FRANCE/UK PROPOSAL (REF A) INTENDED
PRIMARILY TO EXERT PRESSURE ON USG RE BRANIFF/CONCORDE DEAL
HAS NOW BEEN MADE EXPLICIT. END SUMMARY.
2. FRANCE/UK PROPOSAL TO RESTRICT ABILITY TO MAKE AGREEMENTS
TO TRANSFER SAFETY RESPONSIBILITIES TO STATES WHICH IMPOSE
NO RESTRICTIONS ON OPERATION OF PLANES OF FOREIGN REGISTRY
(REF A) HAS BEEN CIRCULATING FOR SEVERAL DAYS THOUGH IT
HAS NOT YET COME TO DISCUSSION IN THE SUBCOMMITTEE. CONTRARY
TO EARLY FRANCE/UK PROJECTIONS THAT US DEL AND DEL OF CANADA
WOULD BE ISOLATED IN OPPOSITION TO FRANCE/UK PROPOSAL, INFORMAL
DISCUSSIONS HAVE SUCCEEDED IN GENERATING SUFFICIENT OPPOSITION
AS TO MAKE ITS SUCCESS QUESTIONABLE.
3. AT SAME TIME USSR IS REVEALING APPROACH WHICH MAKES IT
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SEEM LIKELY THAT THEY MAY TRY TO BLOCK ANY FORM OF AMENDMENT
(I.E., THEY NOW SPEAKING OF SUCH TRANSFER AS BINDING ON
OTHER STATES PARTY TO CHICAGO CONVENTION UNLESS REPEAT UNLESS
SUCH AGREEMENT DEEMED TO BE CONTRARY TO NATIONAL INTEREST OF
A STATE).

4. IN THIS CONTEXT US DEL APPROACHED PRIVATELY BY DEL/France

WITH FOLLOWING LINE: A) IF UK/FRANCE PROPOSAL DOES NOT SUCCEED AT SUBCOMMITTEE, USG WILL STILL NEED SUPPORT OF EUROPEAN COUNTRIES TO SUCCEED AT ASSEMBLY IN GETTING ANY KIND OF AMENDMENT APPROVED GIVEN GENERAL DISINTEREST IN AMENDMENT AND USSR OPPOSITION DISCUSSED ABOVE; B) IF USG CAN PROVIDE "GUARANTEES" WITH RESPECT TO BRANIFF/CONCORDE (PARIS TO DALLAS-FORT WORTH VIA WASHINGTON) DEAL, FRANCE DEL PROMISED EUROPEAN BACKING ON AMENDMENT; AND C) EVEN IF UK/FRANCE PROPOSAL SUCCEEDS, FRANCE DEL SAYS THAT IT WOULD BE WITHDRAWN AND SUPPORT SWUNG TO US IF THE "GUARANTEES" CAN BE HAD.

5. FYI: FRANCE DEL IS IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH PARIS BY TELEPHONE ON THIS ISSUE AND APPROACH IS COORDINATED WITH UK. END FYI.

6. US DEL AGAIN OBJECTED TO INTERJECTION OF THIS BILATERAL ISSUE IN THIS FORUM AND STATED, ONCE AGAIN, THAT IN ANY EVENT US DEL IS NOT AUTHORIZED TO NEGOTIATE CONCORDE ISSUES IN THIS FORUM.
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